PROCLAMATION

Diſſolving the Parliament of Scotland.

ANNE by the Grace of GOD, Queen of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, to Our Lyon King at arms, and his Brethren Heraulds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Purſevants Meſſengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and ſeverally, ſpecially conſtitute, Greeting; *Whereas*, by the Treaty of Union, happily concluded and approven in the Parliaments of Our Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England* reſpectively; It is provided, that Our ſaids two Kingdoms ſhall upon the firſt day of *May* next, and for ever afterward be United into one Kingdom, to be called by the Name of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*; And by the Third *Article* of the ſaid Treaty, it is Stipulated, that the ſaid United Kingdom of *Great-Britain* be repreſented by one and the ſame Parliament, to be ſtiled the Parliament of *Great-Britain*; And by the Twenty ſecond *Article* of the ſaid Treaty, it is expreſly provided, that if we ſhall on or before the ſaid firſt day of *May* next (on which day the Union is to take place) Declare under the Great-Seal of *England* that it is Expedient, that the Lords of Parliament of *England*, and Commons of the preſent Parliament of *England*, ſhould be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the firſt Parliament of *Great-Britain*, for and on the part of *England*, then the ſaids Lords of Parliament of *England*, and Commons of the preſent Parliament of *England*, ſhall be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, for and on the Part of *England*. And further, by an Act paſt in the laſt Seſſion of our current Parliament of this Our Kingdom (Intituled, *An Act ſettling the manner of electing the ſixteen Peers and fourty five Members to repreſent* Scotland *in the Parliament of* Great-Britain) It is provided, that in caſe we ſhould on or before the ſaid firſt day of *May* next, Declare, That it is expedient, the Lords and Commons of the preſent Parliament of *England*, ſhould be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the Firſt Parliament of *Great-Britain*, That, in that caſe only, the Sixteen Peers, and Fourty Five Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs, who ſhould be choſen by the Peers, Barons and Burghs reſpectively, in the ſaid laſt Seſſion of Our current Parliament, and out of the Members thereof, in manner therein-ſpecified, ſhall be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the Firſt Parliament of *Great-Britain*, for and on the part of *Scotland*, as the ſaid Act, Received and Declared by an Act of Parliament of *England*, in the Fifth Year of Our Reign, to be as valid as if the ſame had been part of, and ingroſſed in the ſaids *Articles* of Union, Ratified and Approven by the reſpective Acts of Parliament of both Kingdoms, at more length proports. *In purſuance whereof*, ſixteen Peers and fourty five Commiſſioners for *Shires* and Burghs were elected in our ſaid laſt *Seſſion* of our current Parliament of *Scotland* upon the thirteenth day of *February* laſt: And We being reſolved, conform to the ſaid Twenty Second Article of the ſaid Treaty, on or before the firſt day of *May* next, to Declare, That it is expedient, that the Lords of the Parliament of *England*, and Commons of the preſent Parliament of *England*, ſhould be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the firſt Parliament of *Great-Britain*, in which caſe the ſixteen Peers and fourty five Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs elected in manner foreſaid, will be the Members of the reſpective Houſes of the firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, for and on the part of *Scotland*: And ſeing there can be no other Parliament within the united Kingdom, after the ſaid firſt day of *May* next, but the Parliament of *Great Britain*, whereupon We have determined to *Diſſolve* Our preſent Parliament of *Scotland*. Therefore We with Advice and Conſent of the Lords of Our privy Council, have Diſſolved, and hereby Diſſolve our ſaid Parliament, and declares the ſame to be diſſolved. OUR WILL IS HEREFORE, and We charge you ſtrictly, and Command, that n continent thir Our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat croſſes of the Remanent Head-Burghs of the ſeveral Shires and Stewartries within this Our Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, make Publication of this our Proclamation diſſolving our ſaid current Parliament, and declaring the ſame to be accordingly diſſolved, and that We are reſolved to call and conveen the foreſaid Parliament of *Great-Britain* in manner above mentioned, when we ſhall ſee cauſe and judge expedient; And Ordains theſe preſents to be Printed and publiſhed, that none may pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh *the Twenty Eighth Day of* April, *and of Our Reign the Sixth Year*, 1707.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
ALEX. MAITLAND *Cl. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

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